









EVERY YEAR.  
The spring has less of brightness,  
Every year;  
The snow a ghastlier whiteness,  
Every year;  
The summer flowers quicker,  
For autumn fruitage thickens,  
As they once did, fit, we sicken  
Every year.  
It is growing darker, colder,  
Every year;  
As the heart and soul grow older,  
Every year;  
For not now for dancing,  
Or for eyes with passion glancing,  
Love is less and less entrancing,  
Every year.  
Of the loves and sorrows blended,  
Every year;  
Of ties of friendship ended,  
Every year;  
Of the ties that still might bind us,  
With Time to death resigned us,  
My infirmities remind me,  
Every year.  
Oh, how sad to look before me,  
Every year;  
While the clouds grow darker o'er me,  
Every year;  
When we see the blossoms faded,  
That to bloom we might have aided,  
And immortal glories braided,  
Every year.  
To the past go more dead faces,  
Every year;  
Some no more ones in their places,  
Every year;  
You can win no new affection,  
You have only recollection,  
Deeper sorrow and dejection,  
Every year.  
Thank God! No clouds are shifting,  
Or the land to which we're drifting,  
Every year;  
No losses there will grieve us,  
Nor loving faces leave us,  
Nor death of friends bereave us,  
Every year.

**SUPERSTITIONS**  
Connected with the Yule-Log, the  
Mistletoe and the Holly.

The Luck of Christmas Candles—  
Bad Luck at a Christmas Eve  
Supper—Omens of food  
and of Ill.

[Harper's Bazar.]  
From the remotest times of the burning of  
the Yule or Christmas log, it has had all  
kinds of superstition connected with it. In  
some parts of Europe the log must be of  
a certain kind of wood, as in Devonshire it con-  
sists of fagots of ash bound together, and an  
extra glass from a medicine bottle is placed  
by the guest for every crack made by the  
blazing fagot. One log is the general cus-  
tom, but we have known a hog of coal se-  
lected for that purpose when wood was in-  
accessible. A bit of the Christmas log must  
always be saved to light next year's Christ-  
mas fire with, and be sure that the fire does  
not go out during the night, nor until Christ-  
mas day at sundown. In many houses music  
is played during the evening of lighting the  
fire, but on no account must it be lighted be-  
fore the proper time, which is at sunset,  
Christmas Eve. The Yule or Christmas  
candles should be lit soon after, but  
for good luck the light must be taken  
from the Christmas fire. It is very bad  
luck to snuff them, and they should be set on  
the highest shelf or table in the room. The  
eldest person present must extinguish them,  
but a bit of each must be saved to relight on  
New Year's eve, to see the old year out and  
the new year in. It is considered a very bad  
omen for any one to leave the table during  
supper on Christmas Eve until all are through,  
and see that there is an even number of  
guests, if you will make friends during the  
year. Be sure and have a cheese and cake  
touchered in the house, and let no one tempt  
you to cut them before the proper time.  
Never refuse to take or give food and drink  
at Christmas time.  
One of the earliest customs in the decorating  
of our houses and churches, with evergreens  
at Christmas time, to our forefathers be-  
lieved that the decoration of private dwell-  
ings in recognition of the incarnation of the  
divinity would, by marking the houses of  
the believers, preserve them from the intru-  
sion and evil suspicions of fiends.  
It is regarded as a very unlucky circum-  
stance if any leaves or sprigs are dropped or  
remain behind on the removal of the church  
or house decorations, and all must be cleared  
away before Candlemas day (February 2);  
and on no account should the sacred mistle-  
toe touch the standing symbol of roughness  
and reality, without consciousness  
or necessity of harm—be cast into the street  
or carelessly thrown aside; for love luck it  
must be turned by the oldest unmarried  
member of the family, male or female.  
If one wishes to revive an old Roman cus-  
tom, let him send a holly branch to his  
friends as typical of good wishes, and it may  
have a double meaning by adding a sprig of  
mistletoe, the gleaming berries conveying a  
message of hope, for if the holly carries good  
wishes and foresight or forethought, the mis-  
tletoe is an assurance of "I am around diffi-  
culties," and many a wife has been won by  
this little token of assurance.  
It is very lucky for a child to be born on  
Christmas day, especially if the day is on a  
Sunday. And the girl who is a bride on the  
25th of December is said to have nothing to  
fear.  
At no other time is a black cat—a strange  
black cat—thought to be lucky but at Christ-  
mas. If one comes into the house, it is a sure  
sign of money.  
No person but the boys must presume to go  
out-of-doors on Christmas morning until the  
threshold has been consecrated by the incen-  
sating fumes of a man.  
"Don folks what lub short talking (quar-  
rel) on Christmas night when you have had  
a luck in friendship, love, or pocket," said an  
old colored mammy; and she sure you wish  
some one a "Merry Christmas" before you  
put your shoes and stockings on; and for  
real good luck kiss the oldest person in the  
house first at Christmas morning, and the  
youngest on New Year's morning.

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(Cincinnati Enquirer.)  
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correct expression, for a cat is one of the most agile and vigorous an-  
imals in existence. It would be more correct to say, "as weak as a  
limp old rag," for that gives the idea of utter inability to hold one's  
self up. The weary person who feels thus is generally worn, worried,  
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